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MALAYSIA KELANTAN — GUIDE —



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TRAFFICKING IN ILLEGAL DRUGS CARRIES THE DEATH PENALTY

ROAD MAP OF KOTA BHARU



PLACES OF INTEREST

- 1 Cultural Centre
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- 5 Semasa Batik Factory
- 6 UDA Shopping Arcade
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(Royal Custom Museum)
- 14 Royal Museum
- 15 Islamic Museum
- 16 War Museum
- 17 Handicraft Village
& Craft Museum
- 18 Istana Balai Besar
- 19 Merdeka Square

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IMPORTANT PLACES

- 20 Tourist Information Centre
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Tourism Office
- 22 Kota Darul Naim (State Assembly Hall)
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TRANSPORTATION

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(SKMK) Langgar
- 37 External Bus Station (Ipoh,
Seremban, Malacca - Jalan Hamzah)
- 38 Internal & External Taxi Stand



Capture the day's catch live

FISHING VILLAGE

No visit to Kelantan would be complete without a trip to a fishing village dubbed “the soul of Malaysia’s East Coast”. Two of the most well-known villages are the Sabak Beach (approx. 14 km from Kota Bharu) and Kuala Besar (15 km from Kota Bharu)

If you wish to fully capture the moment, you should arrive no later than 2:30 pm when the boats laden with the day's catch are first spotted on the horizon. As they come ashore, their intricately carved prows are a riot of colours. Then the bargaining begins between wholesalers and the fishermen - a noisy but interesting ritual.

You will also be able to witness other related activities such as fish-curing and the mending of nets.

Buses No. 8 and 9 depart every half hour from the old market terminal to Sabak Beach. Bus No. 28 leaves from the new central market to Kuala Besar every half hour.

WATERFALLS

Kelantan's emerald forests is home to a number of picturesque waterfalls. Many of them are in the Pasir Puteh district, about 35 km from Kota Bharu.

Jeram Pasu is by far the most popular. It is situated off the Kota Bharu-Pasir Puteh road at Kampung Pak Amat and is accessible by car. Or board Bus No. 3 from the main terminal to Padang Pak Amat. Then take a taxi from there to the waterfalls, about 8 km away. A dip in the crystal clear icy water does wonders to the spirit.



Unwind at crystal-clear waterfalls

BACKGROUND

Kelantan, which translates as the "Land of Lightning" is a veritable treasure trove of delights - rustic fishing villages, verdant padi fields and languid, palm-fringed beaches.

Tucked away in the north-eastern corner of Peninsular Malaysia, the people of Kelantan have managed to keep alive age-old customs and traditions, thus earning the state a reputation as the Cradle of Malay Culture.

Here, colourful kites soar upwards defying gravity and giant drums reverberate. Shadow puppets mesmerise audiences and giant tops provide hours of endless fun.

Kelantan has a population of about 1.4 million; 95% is Malay with Chinese, Indians, Thais and Orang Asli making up the rest. Kelantanese are renowned for their warmth and friendliness.

Kelantan Darul Naim is a world of gracious beauty, retaining an old-world charm that few can resist. Come, let her natural attributes work their magic on you!

HISTORY

Kelantan's history dates back to between 8000 to 3000 B.C. Chinese historical documents chronicle the existence of a government which maintained links with China. Kelantan was subsequently referred to as "Ho-lo-tan", "Chih-Tu" and "Tan-Tan" in these records.

In the 18th Century, the provinces came under a powerful warrior, Long Yunus, whose descendants presently make up the Royal house of Kelantan. Kelantan came under Thai and British influence before becoming part of the Federation of Malaya in 1957 and, Malaysia in 1963.

ECONOMY

Kelantan's economy is chiefly agrarian with the land yielding padi, rubber and tobacco. Fishing along its 96-kilometre coastline is also an important economic activity while livestock rearing is gaining importance.

Cottage industries which employ traditional skills such as batik-painting, woodcarving and songket weaving are also evident. In recent years, tourism has also become a major money spinner.

Kota Bharu, the capital, is the major urban centre but there are plans to open up the southern portion of the state under an ambitious multi-million dollar development project.

PLACES OF

With a myriad of attractions at hand, tourists are often at a loss to where to begin. We suggest Kota Bharu, the state capital. The sights and sounds of this bustling town is proof of the Kelantanese penchant for free enterprise. Modern buildings jostle alongside landmarks from another era while colourfully decorated trishaws ply the streets.

THE CULTURAL CENTRE

Kelantan is hailed as the cultural haven of Malaysia. It is here, at the Cultural Centre or *Gelanggang Seni* that you can witness Kelantan's rich culture heritage. Watch giant kites chase each other playfully in the azure sky, see tops the size of dinner plates spin rantically for hours and listen to the rich resonance of the *rebana ubi* (drums).

In the evenings, cultural performances such as the *mak yong*, *wayang kulit* and *main puteri* take centre stage. The *wayang kulit* or shadow play, is a unique form of theatre inspired by the great Hindu epics, the *Ramayana* and *Mahabrata*. The *tok dalang* manipulates the puppets (made from buffalo hide and mounted on rattan sticks) and modulates his voice to create drama and suspense.

Showtimes: 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm (Sat, Mon & Wed)
9.00 pm - 10.30 pm (Sat & Wed)

Admission: Free



Enjoy unique cultural performances



Intricate wood carvings on an old palace

CULTURAL ZONE

Many of the tourist attractions in Kota Bharu are conveniently located in the cultural zone, thus making it easily accessible. Take a leisurely stroll down Jalan Sultan and Jalan Hilir Kota and check out these places. They offer an invaluable insight into the history of Kelantan.

Opening hours are from 10.30 am to 5.45 pm daily except Fridays. Admission is free except for the Royal Museum, Islamic Museum, Syura Hall, Royal Custom Museum, War Museum and Craft Museum. The admission fee is RM2.00 for adult and RM1.00 for children. Please also note that the Istana Balai does not admit visitors.

Royal Museum / Istana Batu

Istana Batu was designed and built in 1939 during the reign of Sultan Ismail I. It was used as a venue for royal weddings as well as to house royal guests. Today, it has been converted into the Royal Museum where regalia and palace items belonging to former Sultans are on display. These include silverware, bedroom items and furniture from the royal household. There is also a photographic exhibition on the life of the late Sultan of Kelantan.

Admission: RM2.00

Museum Of Royal Traditions And Customs

Built in 1887 by Sultan Muhamad II for his grandson Long Kundur, this former palace, Istana Jahar, is now a museum. The intricate wood carvings are testimony to the superb craftsmanship of the Kelantanese. Photographs, artefacts and exhibits on Kelantan's rich cultural heritage will keep visitors enthralled.

Islamic Museum / Syura Hall

The history of Islam in Kelantan is well documented in the artefacts and inscriptions exhibited here. The setting-up of the Islamic Museum is timely as Kelantan is one of the centres of Islamic Learning.

War Museum

The War Museum occupies the oldest brick building in Kelantan, dating back to 1912. This historic building now houses Japanese memorabilia and documents relating to World War Two.

Handicraft Village and Craft Museum

Kelantan's exquisite range of handicrafts is on display here. Silverware, "songket", batik and woodcarvings are exhibited and are for sale as well.

Istana Balai Besar

This palace was built by Sultan Muhamad II in 1840 to replace his riverine palace on the Kelantan river. It now serves as the venue for ceremonial functions and investiture ceremonies.

Merdeka Square

The site of many historical events, Merdeka Square rose to prominence in 1844 after the completion of the Istana Besar. It is also known as Padang Bank.

State Mosque

This mosque took ten years to build, i.e., from 1916-1926 during the reign of Sultan Ismail. Visitors are required to seek the permission of the caretaker before entering. They should be properly attired and should remove their shoes.



Behold ! Majestic architecture from days of old

SHOPPING



A wide selection of goods and handicrafts available

Kelantan is a shopper's haven with not only traditional handicrafts on sale but a wide selection of goods from across the Thai border as well.

Gorgeous silk kaftans, batik scarves, silver trinkets and rich *songkets* all vie for attention. Baskets of every hue, hand-bags woven from *mengkuang* and place mats are also on sale.

The shopper will find endless delights to captivate him. Bargaining is part of the excitement. Often, a little patience will get you the best prices. You can shop at the bazaar, shopping complexes and the New Central Market.

Bazaar Buluh Kubu

Head to this bazaar if you're looking for bargains. This 3-storey shopping complex is stocked with miniature souvenirs, knick-knacks and clothing. T-shirts, hats, key chains and silver ornaments make lovely gifts.

New Central Market



A market, a market we will go....

Kelantan's Central Market is a riot of colour. Kelantanese stall holders conduct their business amidst rows of chillies, carrots, seafood and farm produce. It may surprise you that a majority of them are women. Perhaps this is a throwback to the fact that Kelantan was once ruled by a princess, Cik Siti Wan Kembang. Kelantanese women remain fiercely entrepreneurial and have been known to be hard bargainers.

Jalan Temenggong

All along this street are tastefully-decorated shops offering their treasures of gold, jewellery, rich textiles and

COTTAGE INDUSTRIES



Observe skilled craftsmanship

Kelantan Silver

Kelantan silver is renowned for its intricacy of design and superior workmanship. Silversmiths use two kinds of techniques - filigree and repousse. Items range from the functional to the purely ornamental and include fruit bowls, tea sets, ash trays, brooches and bracelets.

You can visit the silvercraft factory at Kampung Sireh (along Jalan Sultanah Zainab), Kampung Marak or at Kampung Badang on the road to Pantai Cinta Berahi. Open from 8.30 am to 5.00 pm daily except Fridays.

Songket Weaving

Songket, aptly dubbed Malaysia's "cloth of gold", is a proud legacy of the Kelantan and Pattani courts. Once strictly reserved for royalty, *songket* is now used for ceremonial occasions and weddings. Richly woven with gold or silver threads, *songket* was the dramatic consequence of the region's early trade with China (which supplied the silk) and India (gold and silver threads).

You may like to visit a songket-weaving factory at Kampung Penambang, about 4 km north of Kota Bharu, en route to Pantai Cahaya Bulan (PCB).

Batik Printing

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EATING OUT

Kelantan boasts unique cuisine with specialties like *ayam percik*, *nasi kerabu* and *nasi dagang* enjoying pride of place. Be adventurous and try the local fare. Restaurants and food stalls abound, and hawkers selling snacks can be found almost anywhere.

At the junction of Jalan Padang Garong and Jalan Pengkalan Chepa, you will find Kota Bharu's Chinatown. *Wan Tan mee* curry mee, fried kway teow, etc., are readily available here.



Savour a delicious spread of Kelantanese fare

Night Food Stalls

Dining out in the open, under the stars, makes a pleasant change. Night food stalls situated opposite the main bus terminal are open from 5.30 pm to midnight and serve a

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Wood Carving

Kelantan's woodcarvers are some of the best in the region. They produce lovely mirror frames, panels, lamp stands and headboards. Floral motifs are the norm.

Kite Making

Kelantan is the home of giant kites that soar through the air with nary a care in the world. Kite-flying usually takes place after the harvest when farmers have time on their hands to fashion and fly these *wau*. There are many different types - *wau kuching* (cat kite), *wau merak* (peacock kite), *wau bulan* (moon kite) to name a few.

Kite-making requires tremendous skill and patience. The art is usually handed down from father to son. Along the road to Pantai Cahaya Bulan, there are many such establishments producing these gaily-decorated kites. These establishments can be reached by boarding Bus No. 10 in front of the New Central Market.

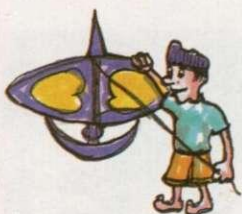


KELANTAN





KEY PLACES OF INTEREST



Cultural Centre - Kota Bharu



Waterfalls -
Jeram Pasu (Kota Bharu - Pasir Putih)
Jeram Lenang (Pasir Putih - Machang)
Lata Beringin (Kuala Krai - Gua Musang)
Lata Rek (Kampung Laloh - Kuala Krai)
Lata Renyok (Jeli)



National Park -
South Of Gua Musang



Silver Ware -
Kota Bharu - Tumpat route

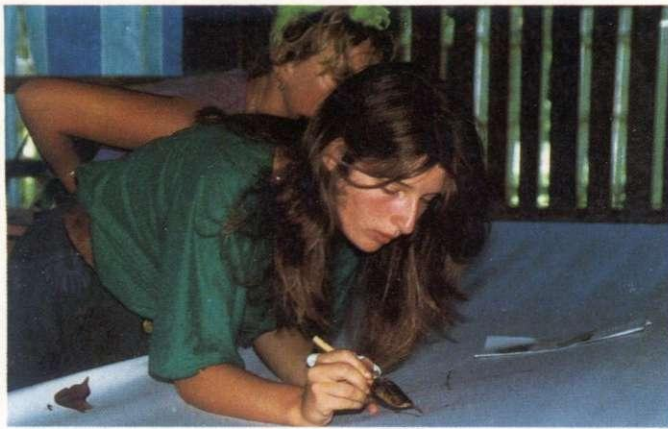


Batik Printing/Songket/Kite-Making
- Pantai Cahaya Bulan



River Cruise -





Experience true Malaysian hospitality... Stay in a kampung

KAMPUNG EXPERIENCE

Savour the hospitality of a typical Kelantanese family by opting to stay with a family of your choice. This unique homestay programme enables you to get an insight into the culture and lifestyle of these simple folks. You can choose to be "adopted" by any of these: potter, fisherman, kite maker, batik manufacturer, silversmith, top-spinning craftsman.

Get in touch with the Tourist Information Centre or your hotel receptionist who will be able to make the necessary arrangements.

TRAVEL TIPS

Malaysia Airlines links Kota Bharu to the major towns in the peninsula. Trains are available at the Wakaf Bharu Station and Sungai Golok Station. There are adequate taxis and buses plying between the capital and outlying districts.

Car rental agencies are plentiful. Travel agents can easily plan a hassle-free holiday for you.

BY AIR

Daily flights are available to and from Penang, Kuala Lumpur and Johore Bahru. For reservations please contact Malaysia Airport Tel No: 09-7734000

BY TAXI

Taxi services are available on a basis of four passengers to a taxi. Time of departure will depend on its full loads. Daily taxi services, plying between Kota Bharu to Kuala Terengganu and Gua Musang charge between RM12.00 to RM15.00 per person. Taxi services are also available to Kuantan, Kuala Lumpur, Butterworth, Penang, Ipoh and Gua Musang. Rates vary from RM25.00 to RM40.00 per person according to the distance travelled. Airport transfers are RM10.00 per person. Taxi Tel: 09-7481386

BY RAIL

There are two stations in Kota Bharu. Both stations are accessible by bus No: 19 or 27. Visitors are advised to use Wakaf Bharu Station. Express trains depart daily for various destinations throughout Kelantan and major towns in Peninsular Malaysia right up to Singapore. Train schedules are subject to alteration at short notice. Please contact the nearest station master for further details. For enquiries please call: Wakaf Baru: 09-7196986 (Traffic Division).

ACCOMMODATION IN KOTA BHARU

No of rooms

HOTELS

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Hotel Berling 826 - A, Jalan Tengku Putra Semarak. Tel: 09 - 7485255/7485359	35
Hotel Aman 236 C-D, Jalan Tengku Besar. Tel: 09 - 7443049	20
Hotel Merry 6011, Jalan Hamzah. Tel: 09 - 7484082 / 7484366	14
Hotel Anda 2529-A, Jalan Kebun Sultan Tel: 09 - 7446722	36
Hotel Intan 5581- 5586, Jalan Dato' Pati. Tel: 09 - 7481277	24
Hotel Kami 204, Jalan Pasir Puteh. Tel: 7446260	25
Hotel Tokyo Baru 3945/46, Jalan Tok Hakim. Tel: 7449488/7444511	24
Hotel Sentosa No 3180-A, Jalan Sultan Ibrahim. Tel: 09 - 7443200	16
Hotel Perdana Jalan Mahmood. Tel: 09 - 7485000 Fax: 09 - 7447621	136
Kencana Inn Jalan Padang Garong. Tel: 09 - 7447944 Fax: 09 - 7440181	52
Kencana Inn City Centre Wisma Suara Muda, Jalan Doktor. Tel: 09 - 7440944 Fax: 09 - 7440181	34
Perdana Resort Pantai Cahaya Bulan (P.C.B) Tel: 09 - 7744000 Fax: 09 - 7744980	120
Hotel Ansar Jln. Maju 15000 Kota Bharu Tel: 09 - 7474000 Fax: 09 - 7461150	76
Hotel Temenggong Jalan Tok Hakim Tel: 09 - 7483844 Fax: 7441481	36
Pantai Cinta Berahi Resort Pantai Cahaya Bulan (P.C.B.) Tel: 09 - 7481307 Fax: 09 - 7486746	43
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BY BUS

Air-conditioned bus services are available from Kota Bharu to various major towns within Peninsular Malaysia and up to Singapore at reasonable rates.

For further details please contact your nearest State Information Centre or your nearest travel agents.



Tel: 7449488/7444511

Hotel Sentosa 16
No 3180-A, Jalan Sultan Ibrahim.
Tel: 09 - 7443200

Hotel Perdana 136
Jalan Mahmood.
Tel: 09 - 7485000 Fax: 09 - 7447621

Kencana Inn 52
Jalan Padang Garong.
Tel: 09 - 7447944 Fax: 09 - 7440181

Kencana Inn City Centre 34
Wisma Suara Muda, Jalan Doktor.
Tel: 09 - 7440944 Fax: 09 - 7440181

Perdana Resort 120
Pantai Cahaya Bulan (P.C.B.)
Tel: 09 - 7744000 Fax: 09 - 7744980

Hotel Ansar 76
Jln. Maju
15000 Kota Bharu
Tel: 09 - 7474000 Fax: 09 - 7461150

Hotel Temenggong 36
Jalan Tok Hakim
Tel: 09 - 7483844 Fax: 7441481

Pantai Cinta Berahi Resort 43
Pantai Cahaya Bulan (P.C.B.)
Tel: 09 - 7481307 Fax: 09 - 7486746

Hotel Murni 38
Jalan Dato' Pati
Tel: 09 - 7482399 Fax: 09 - 7447255

Hotel Indah 43
Jalan Tengah Besar
Tel: 09-7485081 Fax: 09 - 7482788

Juita Inn 67
Jalan Pintu Pong.
Tel: 09 - 7446888 Fax: 09 - 7445777

Dynasti Inn 47
2865 - D & E, Jalan Sultanah Zainab.
Tel: 09 - 7473000

HOSTELS

Hostel Pantai Timur 35
Lot 391, Seksyen 27,
Jalan Kebun Sultan.
Tel: 09 - 7483753 / 7447181

KB Inn Town Centre 40
Jalan Padang Garong.
Tel: 09 - 7441786

GUEST HOUSES

Johny's Malay Villa 40
Lot 882, Jalan Kebun Sulatan.
Tel: 09 - 7448866

Menora Guest House 54
Wisma Chua Tong Boon,
Jalan Sultanah Zainab.
Tel: 09 - 7481669

Town Guest House 60
Jalan Pengkalan Chepa.

BEACHES

Pantai Cahaya Bulan (PCB)

This lovely stretch of shimmering sand is perhaps Kelantan's most famous beach. Fringed by swaying casuarinas and coconut palms, it is the perfect getaway for the world-weary.

It is 10km north of Kota Bharu and is accessible by taking SKMK Bus No. 10 which departs from the Central Market every 20 to 25 minutes.



Take in sun-soaked beaches and azure ocean waters

Pantai Irama (Beach of Melody)

Situated in the district of Bachok about 25 km south of Kota Bharu, Pantai Irama is believed by some to be the most beautiful beach along the entire east coast! It is a hit with picnickers and campers alike.

To reach it, take bus No. 39 to Bachok.

Pantai Bisikan Bayu (Beach of the Whispering Breeze)

This beach is located near Semerak in the district of Pasir Puteh, about 50 km away from Kota Bharu. It is also known as Pantai Dalam Rhu. Tall casuarinas offer restful shade where families can enjoy a picnic.

From the main terminal, take Bus No. 3 to Pasir Puteh. Then take Bus No. 96 to Kuala Besut.

Pantai Seri Tujuh (Beach of Seven Lagoons)

Venue of the International Kite Festival, this beach lies on the border of Thailand and Kelantan at Kampung Tujuh in Tumpat, about 7 km from Kota Bharu.

Take Bus No. 43 from the main terminal and enjoy the scenic ride along the way.

Jeram Lenang is another favourite among the locals. The waterfall is only 12 metres high but nonetheless, draws the crowds. Bus No. 3 will take you to Pasir Puteh, from where you can board a taxi to Jeram Lenang.

But the jewel in the crown is undoubtedly **Lata Beringin**. At 120m, it is also one of the highest waterfalls in the country. The pool at the base provides a rejuvenating dip. The magnificent view and lush surroundings make this a popular camping spot. Lata Beringin is near the Sungai Pas Kesedar Land Scheme. It is accessible via a dirt track leading off from the Kuala Krai-Gua Musang highway.

RIVER CRUISE AND JUNGLE TREKKING

The ecotourist will find much to delight him were he to take an upriver cruise of Sungai Kelantan into the virgin rainforests of Kelantan. The secrets of the jungle will unfold itself if he looks and listens; and the little villages along the bank is an added bonus.

Take Bus No. 5 which leaves the main terminal at 7.45 every morning for Kuala Krai. At Kuala Krai, take the boat which leaves at 10.00 am for Dabong. The 2-hour boat ride affords ample time to take in the grandeur of the rainforests.

Upon reaching Dabong, you have about three hours to while away before catching the boat back to Kuala Krai at 3.15 pm. Take a stroll around the village and observe the villagers at their daily chores.

Alternatively, you can venture up to Jelawang to stay the night in one of the chalets (RM25.00 including meals). A one and a half-hour jungle trek brings you to the Jelawang Waterfall, spectacular and every bit worth the effort.

If you decide to return to Kuala Krai on the same day, you can catch a taxi from Kuala Krai to Kota Bharu. Please note that there are no boats available on Fridays.



The southbound train from Dabong brings you to Gua Musang in two and a half hours. Here is where the majestic Lata Beringin is located. Gua Musang also lies within the National Park amidst the splendour of the world's oldest rainforests. Explore the many limestone caves, cascading waterfalls or enjoy a river boat safari.

There are similar trips organised by the Tourist Information Centre in Kota Bharu. You are advised to book in advance.

Enjoy scenic river boat safari trips